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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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Docket #98N-1038
RE: Current labeling for irradiated food and if
such should expire in the future.

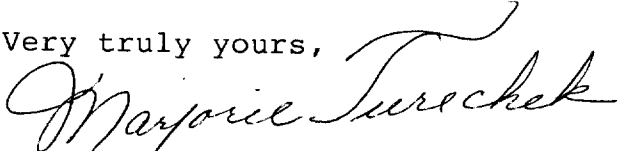
Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a concerned consumer, I demand prominent labeling of "irradiated" or "irradiation" and the use of radura symbol (the international symbol that indicates radiation treatment). The absence of a statement would be misleading and should not be used because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious to the consumer.

Labeling should definitely not expire at a specified date in the future, as consumers have the right to know what they are buying.

I'm surprised that your department is still pushing this as according to a September 1997 CBS NEWS report, 77 percent of Americans don't want irradiated food. Without proper labeling, there will be no way the American people, who are concerned about their health, can determine what food has been irradiated.

Very truly yours,

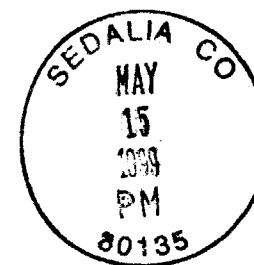
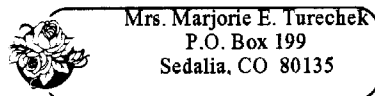


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